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From the Chief



I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you the best for the coming year. Many changes for the Ordnance Corps occurred in 2009 and the pace will pick up in 2010. I will cover a few of the key items of interest.

The 2010 Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame Board met on the 19th of November, 2009 and the board selected twelve new members for the Hall of Fame.

The historical inductees are:

MG(R) William J. Durrenberger, Mr. Abraham Golub, COL(R) Benjamin S. Mesick and COL(R) Rene R. Studler.

The contemporary inductees are: MG(R) Jeanette K. Edmunds, MG(R) Wade H. McManus Jr., COL(R) Michael B. Cervone, COL(R) James C. Dwyer, CW5(R) Harold L. DeBerry, CW5(R) Paul M. Habhab, CSM John D. Woodyard and Ms. Carol A. Nye.

We all are looking forward to publicly recognizing the inductees on 6 May 2010 during Ordnance Week.

Speaking of Ordnance Week, we continue to plan for a full schedule of events in celebrating our Ordnance Corps lineage. This will be the first Ordnance Week held at Fort Lee, VA and will take place from the 4th through the 7th of May 2010. We wish to encourage all members of the Ordnance family to attend and make the first Fort Lee Ordnance Week another event to remember.

The Ordnance School is continuing its work in the establishment of the Ordnance Center of Excellence at Fort Lee, VA. In October 2009 the command group and staff established operations at the Sustainment Center of Excellence (SCoE) and we look forward to standing up our full capabilities over the next two years.

As part of our initiative to establish a true EOD Center of Excellence, we have now stood up the EOD directorate at Fort Lee. The EOD directorate provides a single focal point for all EOD issues within TRADOC and is headed by LTC Jeff Lacaze. LTC Lacaze can be contacted at Jeffery.lacaze@us.army.mil.

I again thank you for your continued support for America's sons and daughters who are serving our nation honorably and selflessly – all of your thoughts and prayers do make a difference. These Soldiers represent the best the America has to offer and they deserve nothing but the finest support we are able to provide. I remain committed to maintaining the rich tradition of the Ordnance Corps for these Soldiers and their Families!

Go Ordnance!

Respectfully,

Lynn A. Collyar
Brigadier General, US Army
Chief of Ordnance

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WARRANT OFFICERS



RCW5 Arthur Dahl

I would like to focus on the recent Phoenix Maintenance award at the DOD level. I am very proud to have seen that 1/3 ACR was the overall winner, but more so that more Army units are starting to see the fruits of their labor as they compete in the competition to be the best. My message here is, that like everyone else deploying, getting ready to deploy, or just back from a deployment, you can still compete. The 3rd ACR was deployed for most of their time for their on-site look completed by the Ordnance Center and School AAME team.

What I can share with you, as Ordnance technicians, is the obvious fact that this competition can only help your program, your unit, and help you and your commander meet mission requirements. I was never a huge advocate of this program when I was a junior warrant officer, and until pointed out to me later, as a senior warrant, did I truly understand what the program can do for your unit. No one else in the Army will get as intense a look into their Maintenance program as you will once you have submitted the required program documentation and the on-site look into your program is conducted. Even if you do not make it to the DOD final, you will have experts at the senior level providing information on how you can improve your program and validate the one you currently have. In short, there is no way to lose by submitting for the award. I know many will say they do not have time, but like anything in life, you have to make the time if it is beneficial to you. Again, congratulations to 1/3 ACR for their win at the DOD level, which in essence means their Maintenance program is amongst the best at the Department of Defense level.

The DOD Symposium was held in Phoenix Arizona on the 26th through the 29th of October with the award dinner on the 28th. The results of the DOD Symposium are that the 1st Squadron of the 3rd ACR was a winner in the large category and the coveted Phoenix award. Their accomplishments while deployed gave them the advantage against the other competing organizations from the Air Force, US Navy, US Marines and Coast Guard. This award recognizes them as the best of the best. The last time the US Army took this honor was in 2004.

CW5 Dahl was the Army representative on the board that discussed "Training Tomorrows Maintainers Today" which was also chaired by the other branches. The 1/3rd ACR also and all other winners participated in a panel where they shared their experiences and the challenges they faced in getting to the Phoenix. This was the final culmination of a year's hard work for the OD AAME Team of twelve board members, six phase two evaluators starting on 5 January with the start of the phase 1 board with 90 books. This year, was a first ever OCONUS theater assessment of a submitting unit. We went to Baghdad to see how well maintenance was being performed against the Army standard and to validate the books of the two units at made it to the second phase. Six Army MTOE units were selected to compete for the Phoenix level board out of a possible 14 competitors from all three COMPO's and the 1/3rd ACR came out on top. CW5 Kenneth E Foster, RC OD WO PROPENECY MGR, keneth.foster@conus.army.mil, 2221 ADAMS AVE, FT LEE VA 23801, WK 804-765-7383 DSN 539, BLKBerry 804-892-1861

Proponency

What Else does the Personnel Development Office Do for the Chief of Ordnance?... and other burning questions answered here!

This is the second article in a series to inform all Ordnance Corps Officers, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Soldiers about the functions of the Ordnance Personnel Development Office (PDO). The first article gave an overview of the DOTLMPF functions of the PDO. This article will focus on some of the supporting missions the members of the PDO perform in support of the Chief of Ordnance and the Ordnance Corps worldwide.

We are the executive agent for the Chief of Staff of the Army's Maintenance Excellence Award Program. Mr. Bob Vachon executes the Program with augmentation from TRADOC and FORSCOM as needed.

We conduct Ordnance Officer Orientation recruiting campaigns at ROTC Summer Camp, and West Point. We describe the mission and encourage cadets to choose the Ordnance Branch.

We are developing the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Center of Excellence. Created Fall 2009, this division has the mission of advising the Chief of Ordnance, and therefore affecting the Army, on all personnel, concepts and doctrine, force structure and training of EOD forces.

We host the Worldwide Video teleconference (WW-VTC) on behalf of the Chief of Ordnance on a semi-annual basis. This promotes shared knowledge on current issues and events that affect the Ordnance Corps worldwide.

We plan and conduct the annual Ordnance Week activities, bringing together the reserve component, retired and active duty Ordnance General Officers to share esprit de corps, promote the Ordnance Corps, and provide an update of the current issues facing the Corps.

We advise and supervise the Ordnance Corps Association (OCA) activities.

We plan and execute the annual Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame nomination process, Board activities, and induction ceremony.

We are members of the Human Resources Command (HRC) Officer Professional Management System (OPMS) Council of Colonels (COC) and General Officer Steering Committee (GOSC). We meet quarterly to review and recommend changes for management and development of the officer corps.

As the Chief of Ordnance's Personnel Development Office, we have the responsibility to develop the career model for each of the 35 Ordnance Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), 9 Warrant Officer MOSs, and two Ordnance Officer AOCs. We have to ensure that there is a plan to assess, train, professionally develop, and promote each of these careers to a successful finish. We provide the roadmap- you provide the success!

GO ORDNANCE!

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BRAC UPDATE



OD CAMPUS (Western View)



OD CAMPUS (Eastern View)

By CW5 Douglas J. Nunan

USAOC&S, 61st Ord Bde (FWD) BRAC Office

Welcome to the new U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Fort Lee – still under construction but rapidly rising out of a once-wooded training area, like a sprawling new community on an ever-changing horizon. When completed in 2011, the \$880M project will constitute the final piece to Fort Lee's \$1.2 billion Base Realignment and Closure construction effort, enrich the post's distinction as the center for sustainment training and doctrine and signal the beginning of a new era of training for the Ordnance Corps.

While the construction moves ahead at a rapid pace, ordnance military and civilian personnel are slowly trickling in to their new location. Over 150 Soldiers and Civilians are currently on the ground assisting in the transition and conducting training. When the Ordnance School is at full strength in two years, more than 600 military personnel and 300 Civilians will be counted on its personnel roster.

With the end of 2009 upon us and the beginning of 2010 right around the corner, the Ordnance Campus continues to take shape here at Fort Lee, Virginia. Since the last newsletter we have had two ribbon cuttings, two more contracts awarded, two contracts pending award, and the final contract being finalized prior to advertisement. All areas of the first phase of construction projects are nearing completion as the second phase of construction gets underway. In this article I will focus on remaining phase one construction projects that will be completed in FY10 to support the main body move of the 61st Ordnance Brigade and the 16th Ordnance Battalion. I will also discuss the second phase of construction that will be complete in 2011 to support the move of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the 832nd Ordnance Battalion from Redstone Arsenal, AL and the 143rd Ordnance Battalion from APG, MD (Edgewood).

The Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony for the new Tactical Support Equipment Department Training Facility was recently conducted on 20 Nov 09. The facility officially dedicated Rozier Hall, is named after MG Jackson Rozier, former Commandant of the Army Ordnance Center and School (1981-83) and the Provisional Chief of Ordnance (1983).

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TSED

in November 2007, Hensel Phelps Construction Company was awarded the contract to build the new state-of-the-art facility. The 272,000-square-foot, \$50 million facility was completed in April of 2009. The delivery and installation of new furniture, automation and audiovisual equipment immediately followed. The actual movement of training equipment, training aids, and vehicles commenced in late August. TSED started training in its new facility in September and is the first tenant at the new, sprawling 200-acre Ordnance School site. More than 600 Soldiers have already been training in Rozier Hall since September. The new training facility accommodates over 100 staff members, a daily maximum capacity of 750 students, and training equipment valued at over \$13 million. The Home of Ordnance Dining Facility started cooking and serving meals to the Future Ordnance Warfighters on 5 Oct 09. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on 14 Oct 09. Touted as the largest dining facility in the Army, it can seat 1,512 Soldiers and support a throughput of 3,600 Soldiers in 90 minutes. The 75,000 square foot facility was constructed by Bay Electric Corporation in 18 months. Construction was completed and turned over to the government fully furnished and equipped on 1 Aug 09. Initial Soldier feedback has been outstanding in this state-of-the-art dining facility.

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CONSTRUCTION TEAM

The construction of six five-story barracks with company operations facilities is well underway. Each will be capable of housing 624 Soldiers or 936 at surge conditions. Combined, the barracks will provide housing for 3,744 Soldiers or 5,616 at surge conditions. Phase one of the construction is nearing completion as Phase two gets underway. Purcell Construction was awarded both contracts. The first barracks and two headquarters buildings have already been turned over to us and are already occupied. The second barracks was completed on 8 Dec 09 and is currently being furnished with an occupancy date of the end of Jan 10. The third barracks will be complete on 8 Feb 10. Phase two of the barracks

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The Central Campus Phase I project which consists of five maintenance training buildings is nearing completion. The first three buildings which will house advanced wheel, turret, welding, machining, small arms, and basic electronics training as well as the Training Management Office, will be completed on 15 Dec 09. The remaining two buildings will be completed by 15 Feb 10 and will house advanced track and fire control training departments. The phase one project which is being constructed by Balfour Beatty Construction, will give us the largest welding training facility in the United States, and it also includes an indoor firing range capable of firing conventional small arms weapons up to and including the M2 .50cal machine gun. Each of these buildings is over 400 feet long and 160 feet wide and will have over 180 state of the art classrooms, labs, and training spaces to include engine dyno labs for all track and wheel vehicles.



INTRO WELDING

Furniture and audio-visual equipment installation will immediately follow and the facilities will be ready to receive the training equipment in May in preparation for the first training to be conducted in July when the main body of the 16th Ordnance Battalion moves here from APG.



Maintenance Training Bay

Just as Central Campus Phase I is coming to an end, Phase II is just beginning. W.M. Jordan Construction is the prime contractor for this project which consists of four high bay maintenance buildings. Currently site preparation is underway and building designs are being finalized. Classroom orientation, furniture layout, and AV configuration was recently completed along with electrical standardization in the high bay training areas. The BRAC team and school personnel are currently working with PEO-STRI to finalize the cable routing and connectivity for the Stryker trainers, with Building C6 now totally being dedicated to Stryker training. Also included in this project is the overall landscaping of the entire eastern side of the Ordnance Campus. The Central Campus PH I project also included the 100% design of a sixth building (C2) which will house AIT track training. This building is pending

Two contracts were awarded on the 30th of September to support the movement of OMEMS from Redstone. Mortenson Construction was awarded the EOD/Munitions contract which includes an instructional facility and an EOD Robotics training facility. Design reviews are currently underway and construction should begin in Jan. Also included in this project is the landscaping of the western side of the campus. The Training Ammunition Supply Point (TASP) contract, which was 100% design under the North Range project, was awarded to Noah Enterprises. With a construction duration of 12 months, design verification and preparation for site work is underway.

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The Warrior Training Facility project which is centrally located on the Ordnance Campus in the wooded area between the east and west sides is currently under construction with foundation work and under-slab utility work underway. This facility which will be complete in June of 2010 will be where the Ordnance Soldiers will conduct training on EST 2000, combatives, and room clearing procedures. We are currently reviewing 100% design and finalizing furniture and audiovisual requirements.

The Troop Medical/Dental Clinic contract was awarded on 30 Nov and the AAFES Troop Store/Barber Shop contract was awarded on the 8th of December. The USMC Collocated Training Facility is pending award by the end of December and the EOD Range Project at Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH), which is 100% design is being finalized and ready to go out on the street for contract bidding and proposals.

The only item remaining on the infrastructure contract is the flyover bridge which is almost complete. This bridge will be the life-line that connects the Ordnance Campus to Fort Lee. Remaining work includes adding a safety fence and installation of the light poles. Bridge testing and certification with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is currently underway. Construction is also underway on the Fort Lee side of the bridge to widen 11th Street which leads in to the flyover bridge. The bridge is projected to be open for traffic around the end of February.

The road ahead has us finalizing the remaining EOD Range FAPH project and overseeing all current construction projects to ensure that all construction is complete in time to meet BRAC Law of 15 September 2011. The BRAC staffs at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) and Redstone Arsenal (RSA) are working to carefully finalize course and equipment movement plans for FY10 and FY11.

This will be my final BRAC Update as the BRAC Team Chief here at Fort Lee as I am moving on to a new assignment. The past two years have been very challenging and rewarding. I have worked with some very dedicated Soldiers and Civilians along the way with one goal in mind, to give the future Ordnance Warfighters the best possible training environment and facilities in order to prepare them to go out in harms way. It has been my distinct pleasure working as the Ordnance BRAC Team Chief here at Fort Lee, along with Gayle Olszyk who has been overseeing the BRAC process here since 2006. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge CW4(R) Jeff Shaver's contribution to the effort. He was instrumental in getting us to where we are today. I would also like to recognize the current OD BRAC Team here at Fort Lee that have picked up the torch and will carry it to the finish line. CW4 Dwayne Hawkins, CW4 Keith Arthur, John Archer, Nicole Andrews, and Earl Philpot. Lastly, I would like to thank the CASCOM BRAC Office led by COL Jack Hinkley and COL Ed Gully. It has been a total team effort. I truly appreciate all the support they have given the Ordnance Corps during the BRAC process.

The next update will continue to provide current status of all construction projects, personnel, equipment, and course moves.

ELECTRONIC MAINTENANCE

94H (Test, Measurement, and Diagnostic Equipment Maintenance Support Specialist and 94Y (Integrated Family of Test Equipment Operator/Maintainer)

Sergeants First class in MOS's 94H and 94Y will merge with 94W (Electronic Maintenance Chief). This change will become effective 1 October 2010. Soldiers should pay close attention to their ERB's to ensure that the MOS change is reflected along with the correct duty title. A career progression chart showing the correct MOS designator will be published in DA-PAM 611-21 when this change becomes effective.

All Staff Sergeants eligible for selection to Sergeant First Class are reminded to update and validate their records prior to the Department of the Army Selection Board in February 2010. Good luck to each of you.

The Personnel Development Office would like to welcome Ms. Bonner to the team for Electronic Maintenance as a Proponency Specialist. Ms. Bonner recently retired and last served as a Sr. Combat Developer for Doctrine, Sergeant Major, Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, Virginia.

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EOD

In the FY 09, the Ordnance Corps fell short of filling our 115 authorized seats for EOD. Across the board we did not have enough Lieutenants volunteer for EOD nor did we have enough pass the required schooling needed to become an EOD officer.

The Ordnance Personnel Development Office in conjunction with the EOD Directorate are briefing the Logistics BOLC III courses (Quartermaster, Ordnance, and Transportation) in order to talk to the Lieutenants about EOD opportunities. Currently, there is an average of 2 slots per OD BOLC III class and 1 slot each for QM and TC. This will fluctuate based on the needs of the Army and what Human Resources Command has available.

All three schools are using the Order of Merit process established by the Ordnance School which also includes an EOD Commander's interview and an EOD suit test. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact CPT Young at 804-765-7381 or shawn.young@conus.army.mil.

Army Award for Maintenance Excellence

Top 10 winning ways to earn recognition

1. Phase one information was verified in Phase two evaluations.
2. Non-reported equipment was not discovered during the evaluation.
3. Winning organizations initiated procedures that improved existing systems.
4. Organization SOPs that were well organized were followed.
5. Quality control and safety programs were maintained with active councils.
6. MTOE and/or TDA shortages were on order with no excess on hand.
7. Unit PLL and shop stock records were 100 percent; required pubs were on hand or on order.
8. Winners took a unit-level approach to maintenance.
9. Winning organizations maintained excellent records.
10. Winners performed maintenance the entire year, not just in preparation for the AAME evaluation.

The AAME Phase I board convened on 4 January 2010 at the Sustainment Center of Excellence, Fort Lee, and will concluded on 15 January 2010. A total of twelve board members are reviewing 87 Unit Packets which include Active, Reserve and National Guard units including six units deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. On the first day, the members of the board were welcomed by the Chief of Ordnance, BG Lynn A. Collyar.

The board members were then provided with a briefing on the specifics and expectations of the Phase I board. The board members were given the task of reviewing seven unit packets on the first day followed by ten unit packets per day until completed. In addition, the members are providing their AAR observations of the unit packets to the president of the board. An AAR meeting (TBD) will be conducted with the MACOM POC's upon completion of the Phase I board. A message will be provided to DA G-4 of the unit winners. Phase II (on-site evaluation) will then be scheduled between this office and the winning units of Phase I. Point of contact: Mr. Robert Vachon at DSN 539-7315 COMM 804-765-7315.

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AMME BOARD

**Ordnance Soldiers Bring
Service to the line, on time, all the time. . .
*At The North Pole!***



L-R back row - SGT Gilbert Santiago, SSG Anthony Cameron, Santa Claus,
SSG Daniel Stuart, SFC Melvin Lee, CPT Matthew Miller
L-R front row - LT Sandra Ross-Litaker, SPC Diana Murphy

Now you know Dasher, and Dancer, and Prancer, and Vixen,
Comet, and Cupid, and Donner and Blitzen,
but do you recall.... the best Ordnance Soldiers of all....

It was nearing eight December and not a tree was lit,
not a Caroler could be heard, to welcome old Saint Nick.

There was no time to waste, one call would do the trick
To the Ordnance Soldiers of the 143rd, who rallied and moved out quick.

The Rec Hall was aglow, with folks wanting to know,
will someone come sing at their Holiday show?

When what to their wondering eyes did appear,
but 7 Ordnance Soldiers for all to hear.

Wearing hats made of red, there was nothing to dread
as they sang old songs, all tripped out and hip,
we knew in an instant . . . they knew Old St. Nick.

And we heard Santa exclaim, as he drove through our sights...
a big HOOAH to the 143rd . . . and to all a goodnight!



2010 Ordnance Week Activities

TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS ORDNANCE WEEK 2010 MAY 4 - 7

(FT LEE, VIRGINIA)



TUESDAY: MAY 4

B O D



WEDNESDAY: MAY 5

GOLF TOURNAMENT

(THE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE, CHESTERFIELD VA)

NO-HOST SOCIAL

THURSDAY: MAY 6

STRATEGIC LOG UPDATE

BRAC TOUR

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

FRIDAY: MAY 7

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ORDNANCE CORPS ANNIVERSARY BALL

Calendar 2009

Comments to Editorial Staff

5 FEB-10 APR:	AAME Phase II Inspections
26 FEB:	RCWO Farewell, FT Lee
11 MAR:	RCSM Retirement Dinner, FT Lee
12 MAR:	RCSM Retirement Retreat - Change of Responsibility
22 APR:	OD WW VTC

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